

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL GENOA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2255  
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMCONSUL MILAN  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, IT  
SUBJECT: PURPORTED RED BRIGADE WARNING TO US BUSINESSMEN

REF: (A) GENOA 0288 (NOTAL); (B) GENOA 0289 (NOTAL)

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OFFICIALS OF GETSCO'S PARENT COMPANY IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE SECURITY SITUATION IN GENOA TO DETERMINE WHEN THE TWO AMERICAN EMPLOYEES MAY RETURN FROM THEIR SAFEHAVEN IN ZURICH. CONSULATE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS REGARDING THE GETSCO PROBLEM AND THE OVERALL SECURITY SITUATION IN GENOA.

2. THE CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL SECTION OF THE QUESTURA REPORTS THAT HIS UNIT IS INVESTIGATING AN AVERAGE OF 10 - 15 CALLS DAILY FROM FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS REPORTING THE RECEIPT OF ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE OR WRITTEN THREATS FROM PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF THE RED BRIGADES. THE POLICE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE, THUS FAR, NOT FOUND ANY CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE TO LINK THE RED BRIGADES TO ANY OF THESE  
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WARNINGS. OUR CONTACT NOTED THAT THE USUAL TACTIC OF THE RED BRIGADES IS TO ATTACK THEIR VICTIMS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION. THUS, THE POLICE ARE INCLINED TO DISCOUNT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE TELEPHONE WARNING RECEIVED BY GETSCO ON MAY 18.

3. THE POLICE HAVE WITHDRAWN THE GUARD POSTED OUTSIDE

CETSCO'S OFFICES LAST WEEK. OUR POLICE CONTACT PROMISED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLICE WOULD PROVIDE LIMITED SURVEILLANCE ASSISTANCE TO GETSCO'S AMERICAN EMPLOYEES FOR A SHORT TIME AFTER THEIR RETURN TO GENOA.

4. THE CONSULATE IS IN NO POSITION TO OFFER AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE POLICE ASSESSMENT OF THE THREAT TO GETSCO AND ITS AMERICAN PERSONNEL. WE HAVE HEARD OF NO OTHER AMERICAN FIRMS OR CITIZENS HAVING RECEIVED SIMILAR WARNINGS FROM PURPORTED RED BRIGADE TERRORISTS IN GENOA.NORTON

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